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## ABOUT DESPOTISM.

Our evening contemporary has excited itself unnecessarily about the Tax Collector's notice. It is according to law, and therefore precisely what should be done. If it were an arbitrary act, the law providing a different mode of collection, the case would be entirely different; but when the Tax Collector complies with the law what more is to be said about it? The Government has nothing whatever to say or do in the matter, yet the "Bulletin" assumes that it has compelled the issuance of this notice as an act of wanton despotism. It says:

If the taxation notice is to be understood as it reads, it simply means that the taxpayers are to be the obedient and obedient servants of the lordly despotism composing the Hawaiian Government. \* \* \* Considering the unlimited prerogatives of the mighty men at the head of this nation, it is almost surprising to find them condescend to give any warning whatever to the citizens that they did not lie back in their chairs of state, until after the 15th of December had passed, and then swoop down with costs, commissions and every possible exaction. With Mr. Geo. H. Lane, Tax Collector, we have no personal quarrel. He is doubtless a faithful public servant, attending to his duties, according to his instructions. Our protest is against despotism, in this, as in every fashion in which it presents itself.

There is a great deal more nonsense of like quality in the article quoted from, but the foregoing will suffice as a sample. As we have said, the Tax Collector is proceeding according to law; but we go further and say that there is no hardship in the case. The mode of tax collection adopted by this country prevails everywhere in the United States, and any man would be deemed insane who would characterize it as despotism in the States.

## INQUIRIES FROM ABROAD.

The Hon. A. S. Cleghorn has received a letter from a gentleman residing in London, who visited this country in 1878 and again in 1881, making inquiries regarding the outlook of affairs here. The letter is dated from the New United Service Club, S. W., October 3d, and is as follows:

I am frequently asked here about your Islands, for so many of our well-to-do people are seeking homes elsewhere, and having formed a strong opinion of my own as to the value of your Islands, I strongly urge any friends who have capital, but are not of a class to rough it in the Australian "bush" or on a New Mexican cattle ranch, to settle in your Islands, or start on a few acres of outside land a fruit farm, oranges, etc.; and in the meantime I assure them that they would get a good interest for money in the way of loan on mortgage of property. Government bonds and other good security.

I am unfortunately unable to give information as to values in your Islands, nor as to what facilities your Government offer in the way of free grants of land, or long leases of such plots of ground as a man would care to take up to plant fruit trees upon. Naturally a lease for twenty years would not be an inducement for a man to plant say oranges, which require five years to mature.

I have just come from Dundee and Morayshire, and my friends ask me to write to your Government to get the latest information. If you will favor us with good information as to present values, taxation, coinage, rates of interest, customs duties and useful information on any points that may strike you, you will oblige us very much.

This letter comes opportunely, at a time when an attempt is being made locally to promote the colonization of a large tract of land on this island. It shows that with proper inducements a very desirable class of immigrants may be influenced to settle here, that is, people with sufficient money to build houses, improve the land purchased by them and employ labor. This would be enriching the country from the start, and would have a very different influence upon its industries and institutions than the accession of the same number of contract laborers would produce. Every possible encouragement should be given to the immigration of men of capital, with their families and surroundings,

from Great Britain and the United States. It would improve the tone and elevate the status of society of these islands, and tend greatly to strengthen the autonomy of the country. The promoters of the Hawaiian Colonization Land and Trust Company, Limited, should push energetically ahead with their enterprise, which would seem to be in the direct line of the requirements outlined in the letter above quoted.

## The Hawaiian Exhibit.

The Hawaiian Government Exhibit, which stands just opposite the Sixth-street entrance, makes an interesting show of the products and peculiarities of those distant people. Brought to the notice of the civilized world in 1778, by the discovery of the islands by the celebrated navigator, Capt. Cook, only two years subsequent to the advent of these United States into the family of nations, and into the notice of the Christian world by the labors of the American Presbyterian missionaries, who commenced their work in 1820, these islands have taken their place as an independent nation among the civilized and Christian nations of the world. The Hawaiians are peculiarly interesting to the American people, as owing in a great measure to them their Christian and commercial advancement from barbarism to their present condition; also, from their neighborhood, their islands being the nearest land off the west coast of the republic. Their trade, nearly all confined to the United States, is at the present time nearly \$13,000,000, and is increasing yearly.

The exhibit shows specimens of their sugars, rice and coffee, for the culture of which their lands are well adapted. The sugars are dark-colored, raw sugars, exported for sale to refiners. Stock-farming, the raising of cattle, horses and sheep, and also culture of tropical fruits, are largely pursued and contribute to the list of their exports.

The peculiarities of the Hawaiian are shown in the specimens of taro flour. This taro is the staple food of the islanders—the bread of the country, in fact. It is a large tuber, grown under water, and when steamed and pounded into a thick paste, forms a nutritious article of food. It is easily grown, is very productive, less than an acre being sufficient to feed a man through a whole year. Like the Casava, it is poisonous, unless cooked. This taro, with fish from the sea, was anciently the principal food of the natives. The unsightly and bumpy roots of the Awa exhibit another peculiarity. This root is a strong narcotic stimulant. It is prepared and used as an intoxicant for going on a drunken spree, for having a blow-out. In Siberia the natives get "high" on a root called "the islands this awa-root serves a similar purpose. It has its value, however, as a medicine for skin diseases, and has already found its place in the materia medica.

In the Kaha is seen a specimen of the ancient and only cloth of the people previous to their introduction to commerce. It is a paper, rather than cloth, made from the bark of the Wauke bush. This bark is macerated in water, and the pulp being pounded with serrated wooden mallets, adheres in thin sheets. Several of these fastened together form the paper, stiff bed-quilt of old times. Rude patterns of colors stamped on them illustrate their attempt in the fine arts.

The specimens of mats woven from grasses, rushes, and the leaves of the palm, or pandanus, do exhibit, however, great dexterity, as well as taste, in their make-up. They are as soft and flexible as cloth; the Nihau mat especially so, as it is braided of a fine and tough grass. The wealth of a native family used to be gauged by its mats, the forms on which they slept being piled with scores of these fine wrought mats.

In fibres are shown specimens of the hau, olona, and the ramie, all of which grow abundantly on the Islands. The hau is a tough, coarse fibre. From it the natives make rope, the specimens showing it to be as tough and flexible as the Manila hemp cordage. The olona, a finer fibre, is used for twines, fish nets, lashings, etc. As a race of fishermen, a moiety of whose food was caught in the sea, these fibres, before iron was known to them, were invaluable for their canoes, as well as fishing tackle. The ramie is an introduced plant, and is a fibre which is destined to make a noise in the world.

A native drum, with a tom-tom held in the hand and rattled by the dancing girls, gives an idea of the rude music formerly furnished for festive occasions.

The articles made by native women for the adornment of the person, or personal wear, show ingenuity in the use of old material, and dexterity in the making. The straw hats are noticeable for beauty of material. One is braided of the maiden hair fern, another of the pampas fern, others of the sugar cane blossom, of cane leaves, of bamboo, of the fan-leaf palm, of corn blossoms; and there is a hat, with a wreath of flowers, and a fan, exquisitely done, of the inner rind of the squash vine. Fans, also, are shown, of these same materials, as well as of peacock and other feathers. Bracelets, necklaces and reticules, made of the seeds of the kow and the mimosa, ingeniously put together; also of shells, of kukui, or candle-tree nuts, of bamboo seeds, and canes of various woods, sandal-wood, koa palm, coffee and orange. Some choice perfumes of the native plants, especially the Maile vine, add interest to the exhibit.

An interesting portion of the exhibit are the necklaces made of feathers. Two of these, made of the creamy yellow feathers of the Mamo, a rare and now nearly extinct bird of the island, used only for royal regalia, are exceedingly costly as well as beautiful. These necklaces are worn on the neck or in the hair of the chief women on state or festival

occasions. Dressing the head with wreaths of flowers, or leaves, or feathers, when the bright colors show brilliantly on the dark ground of their jet black, glossy hair, is an universal custom with Hawaiian women.

There are a large number of photographic views. These give, without words, an idea of the scenery, the people and the pursuits of the islanders. A series of photo-portraits give the members of the present reigning family, Kalakaua; another the late Queen Dowager Emma, her husband, and brother of the Kamehameha family. The public buildings and private residences in Honolulu give evidences of wealth and refinement, of public spirit and well-ordered affairs, while the pictures of scenery exhibit bits of picturesque and fantastic nature suggestive of a volcanic formed country where the rents and rifts of volcanic force have been veiled in the verdant dress of a luxuriant vegetation.

One of the chief objects of interest in the exhibit is the vivid and truthful picture of the ever-burning fiery crater of Kilauea, by Jules Tavernier, of San Francisco. The volcanic mountain of Mauna Loa, with its two craters of Moku-weo and Kilauea, is a place to be seen, not described. Here are to be seen and noted the forces which have shaped the globe, and we come into visual contact with the one phenomenon of Nature which defies all explanation.—(The "Southern Exposition," Louisville, Ky.)

## GENERAL NEWS SUMMARY.

General McClellan was buried on the 2d instant from the Madison avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, with out military display. He died of neuralgia of the heart, October 29th, at his home, St. Cloud, Orange Mountain.

Among the other distinguished men who have died are the King of Siam, the Earl of Buckinghamshire, and the Duke of Abercorn. The last named had been twice Lord Lieutenant of Ireland under Tory Governments.

M. de Lesseps has issued a circular to the stockholders of the Panama Canal Company justifying a further call of 125 francs per share. He is going to Panama in January to inaugurate the final work.

At an election quarrel in Bustamante, Mexico, six men were killed and fifteen wounded.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued an address to the English electors. They say that the men chosen in the coming election will be likely to govern the Empire for a number of years. The Archbishops consider the church question of the highest importance. The address, though compulsory in tone, avoids direct party discussion. It is regarded as a thrust at the Radicals. Mr. Gladstone has written a highly important letter on Church disestablishment. He taunts the Tories with thrusting the question forward as a political dodge. He repeats that the project belongs to the dim-distant future and that the public mind is not prepared for the scheme. In conclusion he says: "The subject is for others and not for me to deal with."

The hull of the Tokio, with about 500 tons of coal on board, was sold at Yokohama, September 14th, for \$8,000.

Five men have been rescued from the bark Cashmere, and landed at Ragosima prefecture.

Owing to the prevalence of cholera in Japan the Government have adopted strenuous measures to prevent its spread. The authorities have decided that coal may be a means of disseminating cholera virus, and have ordered that vessels carrying coal from infected ports shall be unloaded, after undergoing the ordinary medical inspection, at some fixed place, the proprietor or consignee of the coal being held responsible for the observance of this regulation. Coolies and vehicles employed in the transportation of such coal shall be specially detailed for that purpose and subsequently disinfected, and, if necessary, isolated for not more than five days. The vessels themselves shall also be disinfected in a thorough manner.

The mortality on board the French war ships at Formosa, and among the land forces in Tonquin, has been enormous, owing to malarial fever. The Chinese commander also lost nearly all his veteran troops.

## SUGAR.

## Reports from Producing Countries.

Louisiana Crop.—The weather has been favorable for sugar making. Cuba.—Stock in Havana and Matanzas, October 17, was 38,983 tons, against 48,465 last year. Stock in the entire island is 53,700 tons.

Barbados, Oct. 5.—The long spell of dry weather has checked the growth of young cane, and fears are entertained that they may not recover, although fine showers have recently fallen in many parishes. Pernambuco, Sept. 26.—With the exception of Rio Grande, which is reported to be as large as last year, the yields in this and the neighboring provinces will prove smaller than last year's.

Beet Crop.—Mail advices report in Germany a decrease on the week of 1 1/2 per cent in the polarization without increase in weight, and an increase of 1 per cent in glucose. In Silesia some factories have had to suspend operations. In Austria the quality has also deteriorated owing to rain, and working will probably end by Christmas. In France the crop starts three weeks late, and roots so far drawn are small and quality has decreased owing to rain. Tendency of the week's cable reports is a decrease in the size of the crop as estimated by M. Licht, and an expectation that he will soon revise his estimates to conform to those of others who expect a much

less crop. The returns of German fabricants so far indicate a deficiency of 37 per cent in Germany. The decline in prices of beet sugar from 17s. to 14s. 4 1/2d. is said to be caused largely by the manipulations of "bear" speculators, who have largely sold paper contracts, which have yet to be covered by purchases of sugar.

A cable message has been received at New York that M. Licht has reduced his estimated yield, and January to March delivery have advanced to 15s. 6d., with sales.

## FATAL ACCIDENT TO EX-GOVERNOR KANOA.

Yesterday morning the Hon. Paul Kanoa, ex-Governor of the Island of Kauai, met with an accident at his residence, corner of Richard and King streets, which terminated fatally. The venerable gentleman has been in the habit every morning quite early of getting up and opening a door on the second story of his house so as to get the fresh morning air. This door does not lead on to any veranda, but to guard against an accident happening to him, a bar was always thrown across it. Unfortunately, those having charge of this duty neglected it on Monday evening. The ex-Governor opened the door as usual yesterday morning sometime before daylight, and the bar being gone he fell to the ground, probably a distance of ten feet. He was found at half past four o'clock by Mahoe, his son-in-law, who noticed that he was still breathing. He was carried into the house, and Dr. Trousseau was at once sent for. The doctor speedily arrived, but found he could do nothing to relieve him, and a little later on he breathed his last. The sad death of this aged and well-known Hawaiian cast quite a gloom over the city as the news spread. The steamer James Makoe left for Kauai about eight o'clock yesterday morning to convey the sad news to his son, His Excellency P. P. Kanoa, the present Governor of Kauai. It is expected she will return this morning with the latter on board, when arrangements will probably be made for the funeral, which will be a military one. His Majesty the King and a large number of citizens visited the house and viewed the remains. The deceased was Governor of Kauai for many years, being appointed during the time of the Kamehamehas, and resigned in favor of his son. He was a member of the Privy Council, and about eighty-two years of age.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hon. Samuel Parker and Mrs. Parker arrived from Hawaii yesterday by the steamer W. G. Hall.

The bark Lady Harewood sails to-day for China and Japan. All letters marked "per Lady Harewood" will be forwarded.

The large circus tent is undergoing repairs, the strong wind of yesterday having made several rents in the canvas. The usual service at St. Andrew's Cathedral this evening, with a brief lecture by the Rev. George Wallace on "The Parables."

Mr. Hui has been appointed Deputy Sheriff for Waianae, Oahu, in place of Moses Mahelona, and Mr. Keone, Deputy Sheriff for Ewa, in place of A. Kauli.

A native named Ihiki was committed to the Insane Asylum yesterday by Police Justice Blockerton. Dr. Wahl testified that the man was not a fit person to be at large.

Some of the property owners in Honolulu are beginning to make reductions in the rents for their cottages. Within the past few days one house that formerly rented for \$30 has been reduced to \$20.

Applications for money orders on the United States, Great Britain, Hongkong, Portugal and her colonies should be made at the Post Office before 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Mariposa sails at noon on Saturday.

The regular monthly concert will be held at the vestry of the Bethel Union Church this evening. Subject: "Micronesia." The Rev. A. O. Forbes will preside, and Mrs. Bingham and others will address the meeting.

At 10 o'clock this morning, by order of Justice Blockerton, the Hon. Paul Kanoa, ex-Governor of the Island of Kauai, met with an accident at his residence, corner of Nuanu and Beretania streets.

On Thursday, at 12 o'clock noon, Mr. Lewis J. Levey will sell at his saleroom, Queen street, a choice lot of household furniture, parlor pictures, garden hose, garden utensils, one black mare, suitable for a family horse, and one bay horse in good condition.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Wahee Sugar Company at the annual meeting held yesterday: President, Colonel Z. S. Spalding; Vice President, P. P. Hastings; Secretary, J. O. Carter; Treasurer, Cecil Brown; Auditor, Jas. I. Dowsett.

The list of entries for the annual regatta on the King's Birthday will be open at noon to-day at the office of Mr. J. E. Wiseman, Regatta Secretary, and will close tomorrow at 5 p. m. A list of prizes will also be on exhibition at Mr. Wiseman's office at the same time.

Extensive repairs are now being made on the Fort-street Church lecture room and ladies' parlor. The rooms are to be repainted, painted and matted, and new furniture will be added. To-night the regular prayer meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall and will take the form of a promise meeting.

In the photographic studio of Mr. J. Williams, Fort street, is a life-sized crayon portrait of His Majesty the King, drawn by the Michigan Portrait Company from a small portrait by Mr. Williams. It is one of the best portraits ever seen of the King, and His Majesty, who viewed it yesterday, so expressed himself. It will be on exhibition for a few days.

We are in receipt of a letter from the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh, dated Southern, England, October 11th. Both he and Mrs. Mackintosh are enjoying themselves very much. He says it does him good to see the immense crowds flocking to the churches every Sunday. He has been pretty much over England and has also visited Scotland. They hope to return to Honolulu before the close of the year.

Messrs. J. M. Oat, Jr., & Co. have received by the last steamer a collection of photographs of the leading yachts of the world. They are handsome specimens of work and beautifully mounted. A few of them are hanging up in one of the windows of the store and attract considerable attention.

We are showing in our millinery department the most complete assortment of the latest styles in hats, bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed, to be found in this city, and at lowest prices. Chas. J. Fishel.

## "Rum-bullion" alias "Kill-Devil."

Mr. N. Darnell Davis, who occupies an important official position in the colony of British Guiana, has written for private circulation an interesting paper on the etymology of the word "rum." He states that that spirit was first distilled from the juice of the sugar cane in Barbadoes about the year 1640 or 1645, and that the name the planters of the colony gave to the new liquor was "kill-devil." At a comparatively early period it was called "rum-bullion," a word which expressed the idea of a great quarrel or tumult. In the library of Trinity college, Dublin, there is a manuscript containing a description of Barbadoes about the year 1651.

The writer refers to the new spirit in language which Sir Wilfrid Lawson could hardly fail to appreciate. "The chief fuddling they make in the island is rum-bullion, alias kill-devil, and this is made of sugar canes distilled, a hot, hellish, and terrible liquor." Mr. Davis thinks that it was about the year 1660 that "rum-bullion" was clipped of two of its syllables; but the first mention of the abridged word in any public document in Barbadoes appears to have been in an act passed in 1668 to prevent the sale of both brandy and rum in the tipping houses near the most frequented highways or roads of the island.

The word "rum," however, occurs in certain orders of the government and council of Jamaica as early as 1661. At the Bermuda assizes a cask of "rum-bullion" was confiscated on the ground that it had caused great disorder and drunkenness among the governor's negroes," but with singular inconsistency the officers ordered the same cask to be sold for the benefit of a wounded Scotchman who had some claim upon the public bounty. Mr. Davis points out that when sailors speak of grog as "rum-bullion," the expression is really a survival of the old word.

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